

# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS: Workforce Investment Act Younger Youth Program

Workforce System Results  
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## WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT YOUNGER YOUTH PROGRAM

WIA Youth programs under Title I of WIA serve eligible low-income youth between the ages of 14-21 who face barriers to employment, including those who have deficiencies in basic skills or meet one or more of these criteria: homeless, a runaway, pregnant, parenting, an offender, school dropout, or a foster child. The programs also serve youth with disabilities and others who may require additional assistance to complete an educational program or to secure and hold employment.

### PERFORMANCE MEASURES

#### Diploma or Equivalent Rate:

Of those who register without a diploma or equivalent: the number of younger youth who attained a secondary school diploma or equivalent by the end of Q1 after exit divided by the number of younger youth who exit during the quarter (except those still in secondary school at exit).

#### Skill Attainment Rate:

Of all in-school youth and any out-of-school youth assessed to be in need of basic skills, work readiness skills, and/or occupational skills: the total number of basic skills goals attained by younger youth plus number of work readiness skills goals attained by younger youth plus number of occupational skills goals attained by younger youth divided by the total number of basic skills goals plus the number of work readiness skills plus the number of occupational skills goals set.

#### Retention Rate:

The number of younger youth found in one of the following categories in Q3 following exit – postsecondary education, advanced training, employment, military service, or qualified apprenticeships – divided by the number of younger youth who exit during the quarter (except those still in secondary school at exit).

| WIA Younger Youth Services | PY 2005 Goals | Third Quarter Results<br>(1/1/06-3/31/06) | Cumulative Two Quarter Results |
|----------------------------|---------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Diploma Attainment         | 53%           | 47%                                       | 56%                            |
| Skill Attainment           | N/A           | 80%                                       | 83%                            |
| Retention                  | N/A           | 66%                                       | 65%                            |

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he cumulative results of the diploma attainment rate exceeded the goal. In addition, the WIA youth program has recently begun the collection of the youth common measures and has three quarters of baseline data collected for both the placement in employment and education measure, as well as the attainment of a degree or certificate measure. The current number of younger youth served is 146,163, while the cumulative figure is 239,050.